(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(c) Aircraft are selected and operated by the operators based on their own commercial judgement.

Reconsideration of Protocol System at Airports

3229. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleaed to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Protocol hampers airport security" as reported in the Statesmen dated 4th March, 2000;

(b) if so, whether a large number of "Protocol" passes which have been issued by Government in Delhi, are hampering security;

(c) if so, whether Government have any proposal to reconsider its protocol system in view of the security threat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bureau of Civil Avtation Security has issued 413 passes for the protocol staff of Ministries/ Government Depatts./Dignitaries to facilitate protocol functions. Pass holders are permitted to go only upto an earmarked area. No instance of security problem as a result of issuance of such passes has come to the notice. .

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Mysore Airport

3230. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CIIVL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the upgradation of Mysore Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Since no airline operator has indicated its plan to start air services from Mysore airport, there is no plan, at present, to upgrade Mysore airport.

Funds for Bangalore International Airport Project

3231. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the proposed Bangalore International Airport, the State Government has authorised to raise funds from private sector including that by way of issue of bonds;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government has floated bonds for the purpose; if so, the details in this regard indicating the total amount to be raised thereby also; and

(c) what other steps have been taken so far for raising and providing funds for construction of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) In May, 1999, Government of Karnataka had authorised the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Develop- ment Corporation Limited (KSIIDC) to mobilise resources to an extent of Rs. 150 crores for acquiring land identified and required for the international airport proposed at Devanahalli. In pursuance, KSIIDC forwarded a proposal to raise the required resources through issue of airport bonds. Subsequently, Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) submitted a proposal to extend loan to the State Government for various infrastructure projects. In March, 2000, Government of Karnataka authorised KSIIDC to raise term-loan to an extent of Rs. 150 crores from HUDCO. State Government will extend guarantee for the loan. KSIIDC has initiated necessary action in this regard.

Enhancement of Delhi-Imphal Air service

3232. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: